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THE NEW YEAR.

The advent of the new year opens up a vast field of speculation. We are in the midst of an era of commercial inactivity and industrial depression which usually follows a period of unusual prosperity.

The presidential campaign may still further depress trade in the east, but we are not likely to feel its effect west of the Mississippi. Our grain and cattle will find a ready market, no matter what the outcome of the presidential contest may be.

Omaha especially starts out on the new year with brighter prospects than she ever had before. During the year she has had a wonderful growth, but the coming year will eclipse anything that has ever been known.

And THE BEE, as usual, proposes to keep step with the music of progress. It does not intend to rest upon the reputation achieved as the most widely read and most influential newspaper in the Missouri valley.

THE bill now pending in congress embraces 106 sections, covering, with the index, seventy-six printed pages. It is the work of much study, long experience and frequent revision.

It may not suit everybody to know it, but it is very plain that the cause of woman suffrage is gaining quite rapidly in public favor in Iowa.

As long as the agitation is all on one side the plea for purifying politics by making a woman a voter gains adherents among the thoughtful and sentimental crowd, but when the question is discussed from a practical stand point and the visionaries have to meet the facts squarely as a political problem the proposition to drag woman down into the mire of politics loses its attraction.

rupt proceedings to the bankrupt estate. An important provision of the bill is that the bankrupt must apply for his discharge in not less than two months, nor more than six after the adjudication.

In Nebraska we already have a very stringent law regulating insolvency and assignments, but in many other states there is no protection for creditors against dishonest debtors and fraudulent transfers under the name of assignments.

At the last city council meeting of Denver an appropriation ordinance was passed disbursing over \$700,000. This was at least \$250,000 more than would be received during the next fiscal year from taxation and all other sources.

Traveling salesmen... \$ 100 per quarter. Fire insurance companies... 500 per annum. Life insurance companies... 500 per annum.

Whether this license system will be the means of supplying the deficiency remains to be seen, but it will help out materially. Of the \$722,000 included in the appropriation ordinance it should be borne in mind that \$316,000 is a city debt of ten years' accumulation, and the object, therefore, seems to be to make the license eventually pay this debt.

It is a rather curious thing, however, that the Denver city council perpetually tabled the liquor license ordinance, and the inference is that the whisky element predominates in that body.

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